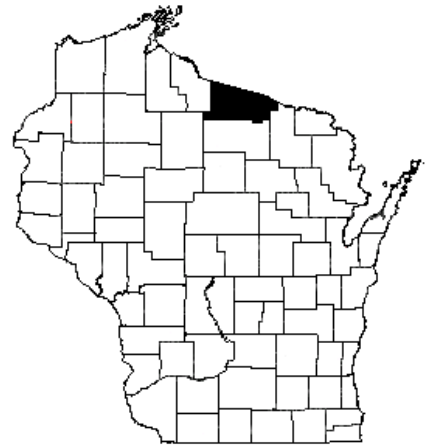




Fish and Wildlife Conservation

How Fish and Wildlife Dollars Are Used in Your Backyard

Vilas County



County characteristics

- 1,019 sq. mi.
- 83% forest: 40,000 acres County Forest, 140,000 acres State Forest, 54,500 acres National Forest
- Headwaters of Wisconsin River; 1,321 lakes and 157 streams flowing over 401 miles
- Tourist destination, tremendous shoreline development pressure.
- There are 22,041 residents living in Vilas County.



State Land Open to Hunting and Fishing

- 148,900 acres of State Forest and Wildlife area open to hunting and fishing

Locate DNR properties at:

http://www.dnr.wi.gov/org/land/facilities/dnr_land_mapping.html

DNR Staff serving you

- 1 Wildlife Biologist (1 vacancy); 1 Fisheries Biologist, 1 Fisheries Technician; 2 Conservation Wardens; 2 Customer Service Representatives
- Office, 8770 HWY J, Woodruff, WI 54568
- Staff also serves portions of Oneida, Forest and Florence counties.

Activities Funded by Your Hunting and Fishing Dollars

- Establish and maintain grassland and wetland habitat for ducks, geese, cranes and other wildlife species.
- Fish population surveys on approximately 15-20 new waters annually
- Providing diverse angling opportunity – special regulations exist on 11 musky lakes, 64 walleye lakes, and 22 bass lakes to either enhance quality fishing or encourage harvest.
- Fishing regulation and stocking evaluation projects.
- Lake research through cooperative projects with U.W. Trout Lake and U.W. Stevens Point graduate students.
- Monitor local wildlife populations of deer, bear, ducks, geese, grouse, woodcock, frogs, eagles, osprey, and trumpeter swans.
- Manage DNR land by posting public hunting and access sites, as well as building and maintaining parking areas.
- Respond to wildlife damage and nuisance complaints and monitor wildlife diseases including CWD and West Nile Virus.
- Work with foresters to maintain and develop forest habitat for wildlife.



Activities continued...

- Evaluate proposed projects for environmental impacts, work to keep habitats intact and functioning for fish and wildlife.
- Provide educational programs for schools, conservation organizations and civic groups.

Vilas County Conservation Snapshots

15 DNR Boat Launches
44 ALIS Agents Supported
8 Deer & Bear Registration Stations
3 Stream access sites



Fish & Wildlife Stocking Summary

- 71 lakes stocked with 12,300 muskellunge, 540,000 walleye fingerlings, and 3.1 million walleye fry
- 14 lakes and streams stocked with 58,900 trout

County Success Stories

- Cooperation with Ducks Unlimited and Lac du Flambeau to refurbish dikes and water control structures at Powell Marsh and Mann Creek
- Renovation of the Big St. Germain boat landing
- Partnerships with U.W. Trout Lake field station, Dairymen's Club, and University of Notre Dame on a multitude of fish management projects
- Establishment of a Lake Trout Management Plan for unique genetic strains of lake trout found in Trout Lake, and Black Oak Lake – two of only three lakes in the State containing that species
- Wildlife staff provides input on county forest plans and helps develop wildlife projects on the Vilas County Forest.

Statewide challenges to maintaining your hunting and fishing opportunities

- Without a fee increase as proposed by Governor Doyle, the Department of Natural Resources will be forced make numerous cuts in:
 - Fish and wildlife stocking programs: Conservation law enforcement; Public hunting acres; Fish and wildlife field biologists and Customer services
- Keeping upland, shoreline and aquatic habitat intact and functional
- Multiple user conflicts - Increasing pressure on public lands
- Rapid growth – urban sprawl
- Nuisance wildlife and invasion by non-native species
- Disease management

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